

**TITLE: 2004 AMA –  
Existing Woodland Harvest Road, Trail and Landing Reclamation**

**PURPOSE:** Provide financial and technical assistance to vegetatively treat gully erosion on existing woodland harvest roads, trails and landings. Surface water control deemed necessary under Critical Area Planting - Code 342 will be in compliance with current best management practices. Mulch is to be applied only to minimize erosion and aid in the establishment of vegetation. Gravel is not to be used as mulch. This practice does not apply to roads subject to daily or frequent use, such as, roads used for utility maintenance or right-of-ways. Commercial recreational areas are not eligible for cost-share assistance. The landowner must have control of access to the road and be willing to limit access to ensure maintenance of vegetative cover. The planning and construction of new woodland access roads is not included in this practice. This practice will only apply to existing roads in wooded areas. Livestock must be excluded from the woodland area. The road, trail, or landing cannot have been used for a timber harvest in the past 12 months.  
Work deemed necessary by the WVDOP for Logging and Sediment Control Act compliance is not eligible for cost-share assistance.

**BACKGROUND:** In some instances existing woodland access roads that were not properly planned, constructed and/or maintained result in erosion and sedimentation. Critical area treatment of eroding areas can minimize erosion and soil loss from such sites.

**PRACTICE LIST:** Critical Area Planting (acre) Code 342  
(Includes seed bed preparation, lime, fertilizer, seed, and mulch to minimize erosion and aid in the establishment of vegetation - no gravel)  
Structure for Water Control (no.) Code 587  
(Includes culverts, water bars, broad-based drainage dips as needed to control water)  
Use Exclusion (acre) Code 472  
(Fence/Gate - Least Cost Alternative)

**PROPOSAL:** Statewide  
Landowner will experience improved access to woodland acreage which in turn may result in increased forest management activities. Both the actual landowner and downstream landowners will experience improved water quality as erosion is controlled.  
WVDOP provides technical assistance for plan development, practice application, and inspection in consultation NRCS.

**TECHNICAL CONTACT:** WVDOP